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SUBJECT : SEPARATION OF ASADULLAH MAZUMDAR

REFERENCE : STATE 150454

1. ASADULLAH MAZUMDAR WAS CALLED INTO THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR, WILLIAM G. MURPHY, ON NOVEMBER 27, 1974 TO DISCUSS CERTAIN IRREGULARITIES IN THE CONSULAR SECTION. IN ADDITION TO MURPHY AND MAZUMDAR, VICE-CONSULS HARRY G. KAMBERIS AND LAWRENCE N. BENEDICT WERE PRESENT. KAMBERIS AND BENEDICT REVIEWED WITH MAZUMDAR SEVERAL RECENT VISA APPLICATIONS. IN EACH OF THE FOUR CASES DISCUSSED THE APPLICANT HAD BEEN REFUSED A VISA BY ONE CONSULAR OFFICER. THEN A NEW APPLICATION FOR EACH OF THESE CASES WAS PRESENTED TO THE OTHER CONSULAR OFFICER. IN ONE OF THE CASES A VISA WAS ISSUED AFTER THE SECOND APPLICATION/INTERVIEW.

2. OFFICE PROCEDURES WERE SUCH THAT MAZUMDAR, AS THE SENIOR LOCAL CONSULAR EMPLOYEE, REVIEWED EVERY APPLICATION AND RELATED DOCUMENTS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE CONSULAR OFFICER. IN AT LEAST ONE OF THE CASES CITED ABOVE MAZUMDAR WAS PRESENT DURING THE INTERVIEW AS THE APPLICANT DID NOT SPEAK ENGLISH. IN EACH OF THE FOUR CASES THE SECOND APPLICATION/INTERVIEW OCCURRED WITHIN TEN DAYS OF THE FIRST APPLICATION/INTERVIEW. MOREOVER, NO LOOKOUT CARDS WERE PREPARED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF

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THESE REFUSALS WHICH WERE CLEARLY MAZUMDAR'S RESPONSIBILITY.

3. WHEN CONFRONTED WITH THE EVIDENCE DESCRIBED IN PARAS 1 AND 2 MAZUMDAR SAID ONLY THAT HE HAD TAKEN NO PAYMENTS AND THAT HIS ACTIONS WERE NOT "WILLFUL". HE WAS TOLD THAT HE HAS NOT BEING ACCUSED OF ACCEPTING OR SOLICITING BRIBES BUT RATHER WE WERE ACCUSING HIM OF GRIEVOUS ERRORS IN JUDGMENT AND FAILURE TO PERFORM HIS JOB SATISFACTORILY. MAZUMDAR REPEATED AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY MONEY FOR HIS ACTIONS BUT HE AVOIDED RESPONDING TO REPEATED REQUESTS FOR EXPLANATION OF THE OBVIOUS IMPROPRIETIES IN STANDARDIZED PROCEDURES AND HE NEVER REPEAT NEVER DENIED THAT HE HAD HELPED APPLICANTS DECEIVE THE CONSULAR OFFICER ABOUT THEIR PREVIOUS REFUSAL.

4. BY UNANIMOUS OPINION OF OFFICERS PARTICIPATING, MAZUMDAR WAS TERMINATED FOR CAUSE AT CONCLUSION OF NOVEMBER 27 MEETING ON THE BASIS OF PARAS 1, 2 AND 3.

5. FYI. SUBSEQUENT TO THE NOVEMBER 27 MEETING, BOTH CONSULAR OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY VISA APPLICANTS OF HAVING RECEIVED GUIDANCE FROM MAZUMDAR WHICH WAS CLEARLY IMPROPER IN THAT IT HELPED THE APPLICANT ATTEMPT TO DECEIVE THE CONSULAR SECTION.

6. KAMBERIS NOW IN THE US ON HOME LEAVE. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONTACT HIM BEFORE HIS JULY 15 DEPARTURE.  
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